

**MINUTES  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**Date:** April 19 - 21, 2006

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., CST

**Location:** Room 133  
First Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

**Board Members Present:** Debra Davenport, MA., SPE, Chair  
Carl Gilleylen, Psy.D.  
Robert Kores, Ph.D.  
Patrick Lavin, Ph.D.  
Janice Martin, Ph.D.  
Carolyn West-Willette, Ed.D.  
David Caye, MS, SPE

**Board Members Absent:** Susan Strickler, Ph.D.

**Staff Present:** Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator  
Joan Burk, Board Administrator  
Ernie Sykes, Advisory Attorney  
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager  
Stacy Lannan, AARB 1

The board meeting was called to order by Chair, Debra Davenport, at 9:04 a.m.  
A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

**Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Ernie Sykes introduced himself to the board. Due to Ms. Armstrong's presence required at another meeting, Mr. Sykes is standing in for Ms. Armstrong. Mr. Sykes reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the board and asked all members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to the contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

**Martin Cleveland, Ph.D.**

Dr. Cleveland, represented by his attorney, Mr. Robert Moore, was present to seek Board approval for Dr. Cleveland's supervisor and therapist as required by the Board's Order of

August 10, 2005. The Board reviewed affidavits from Dr. John Leite, Dr. Cleveland's supervisor and Dr. Sonny Gentry, Dr. Cleveland's therapist. The Board accepted both Drs. Leite and Gentry as Dr. Cleveland's supervisor and therapist.

**Stephen Bruehl, Ph.D.**

Dr. Bruehl's psychology license was restricted with conditions. Dr. Bruehl complied with the terms/conditions of the Board's Order of February 21, 2003. Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to grant Dr. Bruehl an Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

**Karri Orem, Ph.D.**

Dr. Orem, represented by her attorney, Charles Cagle, was present to seek an Order of Compliance and file a new application for licensure. Dr. Orem's psychology license was revoked in 2001. Dr. Orem complied with the terms/conditions of the Board's Order of August 9, 2001. Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to grant an Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

Dr. Orem submitted a new application for licensure as a psychologist. Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to grant licensure approval with the following conditions: When Dr. Orem plans to engage in psychotherapy in Tennessee, she must notify the Board of her intent to do so and have the Board approve an appropriately credentialed psychologist to supervise her psychotherapy practice. Once the Board has approved the supervisor, Dr. Orem may practice psychotherapy only under the supervision of the Board-approved psychologist. The supervision must last at least the first year of Dr. Orem's psychotherapy practice and a minimum of two hundred sixty (260) patient/client contact hours. Dr. Orem must meet with the supervisor bi-monthly, with each meeting lasting at least one (1) hour. Dr. Orem's supervisor is to submit quarterly reports informing the Board of Dr. Orem's progress/performance throughout the period of supervision. Before the period of supervision may be lifted, Dr. Orem must appear before the Board, either in person or through counsel, to request that all conditions be lifted. These conditions are to apply to Dr. Orem wherever she practices psychology, even if she does so outside Tennessee. Dr. Orem and her attorney agreed to the conditions. The motion carried.

**Dr. Murphy Thomas**

Dr. Thomas was present to speak to the Board about the peer assistance program.

The Board concluded that Ms. Armstrong will send letters to the Tennessee Psychological Association (TPA), TN Peer Assistance Program (TNPAP) and Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) requesting written proposals for projecting contract costs, plan for handling disciplinary cases, monitoring program adherence, random testing for substance abuse and reporting regarding their peer assistance program for review at the July 2006 board meeting.

### **William B. Boggs, Ph.D.**

Ms. Spitznas stated she received a renewal application from Dr. Boggs after it expired. Dr. Boggs indicated on the renewal that he had been convicted of a violation. Dr. Boggs was present and addressed the Board. Dr. Boggs stated that he went to Cumberland Heights and has been in AA. Dr. Boggs stated that he is attending after care at Cumberland Heights. Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to place Dr. Boggs' psychology license on probation with the following conditions: Continuation of after care w/ Cumberland Heights, quarterly reports with logs, continued participation with psychotherapist and psychologist and request information if there is termination, provide a letter regarding a fitness to practice from an evaluator, and a psychological evaluation. Upon receipt of the reinstatement application, fees, continuing education and the psychological evaluation, Dr. Boggs' reinstatement may be processed. The motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon review of the January 18-20, 2006 board meeting minutes, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to approve the minutes as amended.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin to accept the March 14, 2006 telephonic minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

### **OGC Report**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the Office of General Counsel report, informing the Board that the rule regarding criminal background checks will become effective May 31, 2006. Ms. Armstrong stated there is one rule under review at the Attorney General's office regarding use of titles, post-doctoral supervised experience requirements and general housekeeping.

Mr. Armstrong stated there are currently ten (10) open files at the Office of General Counsel pertaining to the Board of Examiners in Psychology.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the administrative report with the Board stating that currently there are 1234 active psychologists, 632 psychological examiners and 2 certified psychological assistants. Ms. Spitznas informed the Board that postcards were mailed to all licensees advising them of the new continuing education requirement pertaining to Ethical Standards. Ms. Spitznas stated that the information regarding the criminal background check requirement is now on the Internet.

### **Office of Health Licensure and Regulation Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the financial report with the board and stated that Ms. Tittle's office will be mailing out a new financial report in the near future.

### **Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator**

Mr. Kosten discussed rule amendments concerning the Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam regarding lowering the retake fee from \$200 to \$100; changing the Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam from an exam that is mailed to one that is taken in Nashville; amending Rule 1180-1-.14 by authorizing the member who chaired the Board for a contested case to be the agency member to make the decisions authorized regarding petitions for reconsiderations and stays; and deleting the rule concerning initial licensure for psychological examiners (housekeeping) and emphasizing the upgrade to senior psychological examiner. Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to send the proposed rule amendments to rulemaking hearing. The motion carried.

The rule regarding test data from the clinical record will be sunshined for next meeting.

### **Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the disciplinary report with the Board and stated that Ms. Phelps' office is monitoring the licensees who have been disciplined.

### **Investigative report**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the investigative report with the Board. Ms. Armstrong stated that there were thirty-three (33) complaints filed in the Office of Investigations against psychologists and/or psychological examiners in 2005, noting that the allegations vary and are not specifically noted on the investigative report

### **Ratify Newly Licensed Psychologists, Psychological Examiners and Certified Psychological Assistants**

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to accept the following newly licensed Psychologists:

**Melissa Ann Bartsch, Ph.D.**  
**Martha Elizabeth Bynum, Ph.D.**  
**Marina Lisette Cadreche, Psy.D.**  
**Paul David Colte, Psy.D.**  
**Katherine Lynn Dittman, Ph.D.**  
**Elisabeth M. Dykens, Ph.D.**  
**Jamie Yarbrough Fearington, Ph.D.**  
**Matthew Edward Fearington, Ph.D.**

**Roberta Eileen Gallagher, Ph.D.**  
**Shannon Kathleen Hays, Ph.D.**  
**Cherrie Ann Hunter, Psy.D.**  
**James Ledlie Klosky, Ph.D.**  
**Barbara Maier Marshall, Ph.D.**  
**Hugh Deo Moore, Ph.D.**  
**Marzi Lisa Radpour-Wiley, Ph.D.**  
**Christy Ann Mayo Sorrell, Ph.D.**  
**Shawn M. Steward, Ph.D.**  
**Corinne C. S. Tureau, Ph.D.**  
**Deborah Anne Van Slyke, Ph.D.**  
**K. Aynsley Corbett, Psy.D.**  
**Alan Frazier Dubro, Ph.D.**  
**Randi Ilene Taylor, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following reinstated Psychologists:

**Therese Call, Ph.D.**  
**Martha K. Key, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin to ratify the following newly licensed Psychological Examiners:

**Cynthia Irene Day**  
**Catherine Elizabeth Dhanarajan**  
**Brandi Leigh Hamilton**  
**Stefanie Alane Kibler**  
**Jennifer Harvey Seay**

The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to ratify the following newly certified Psychological Assistant:

**Christine B. Marston**

The motion carried.

**Ratify written examination results**

Dr. Kores made motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the passing written examination results for the following Psychologists/HSP:

**Patricia Lobo Arena, Ph.D.**  
**Christopher H. Bassin, Psy.D.**  
**B. Charles Ihrig, Ph.D.**  
**Amanda M. Monville, Ph.D.**  
**Sarah D. Richie, Ph.D.**  
**Molly M. White, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the failing written examination results for the following Psychologists/HSP:

**Deborah A. Carter, Ph.D.**  
**Ajanta Roy, Ph.D.**  
**Steven Allen Fultz, Ph.D.**  
**Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to ratify the failing written examination results for the following Psychological Examiners:

**Roman Sean McPherson**  
**Brenda A. Menzies**

The motion carried.

### **Ratify Oral examination results**

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to ratify the oral examination results for the following Psychologists/HSP who have completed their postdoctoral supervised experience:

**Roberta E. Gallagher, Ph.D.**  
**Hugh D. Moore, Ph.D.**  
**Christy Ann Sorrell, Ph.D.**  
**Shawn M. Stewart, Ph.D.**  
**Shannon Hays, Ph.D.**  
**Marina Cadreche, Psy.D.**  
**Alan Dubro, Ph.D.**  
**Aynsley Corbett, Psy.D.**  
**Randi Taylor, Ph.D.**  
**Melissa A. Bartsch, Ph.D.**

**Deborah Van Slyke, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the oral examination results from the following Psychological Examiner:

**Stefanie Kibler**

The motion carried.

**Ratify closure of abandoned/incomplete files**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the closure of the following abandoned/incomplete files:

**Deborah Rose Fahr, Ph.D.**

**Joanne Bernardo**

The motion carried.

**Review and approve application changes/recommendation by Board Members**

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Dr. Kores' recommendation to schedule **Yvonne Osborne, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Dr. Kores' recommendation to schedule **Vida Sobie, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Dr. Kores' recommendation to schedule **Steven Charles Wyatt, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Mr. Caye's recommendation to schedule **Lesli J. Beckwith, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Dr. Strickler's recommendation to schedule **Susan Kent-Arce, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Dr. Gilleylen's recommendation to schedule **Edward J. Stepanski, Ph.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept Mr. Caye's recommendation to schedule **Jon S. Ebert, Psy.D.** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

### **Review and Respond to Correspondence**

Ms. Spitznas informed the Board that Mr. Michael Stagg, Consumer member has resigned.

Ms. Armstrong asked the Board to postpone the decision regarding Dr. Cliff Heegal's request to have the HSP designation added to his psychology license until she can research the matter further.

Sean McPherson sent a letter to the Board requesting permission to sit for the written examination again. The Board instructed Ms. Spitznas to send PES the reauthorization to test.

Krista Shafer-Merchant sent a letter to the Board requesting another temporary license allowing her to work while she waits to sit for the oral examination. Ms. Armstrong is to respond to Ms. Shafer-Merchant's letter.

### **Special Volunteer Application**

Upon review of the Special Volunteer License Application, the Board made changes to question number 4 for more information, page 6 to state Specialty Volunteer licensure endorsement, request letter from the current training director and check off box for national register. The Board determined that applicants must comply with the same rules as a regular applicant. Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to approve volunteer license as amended. The motion carried.

### **File Review**

Upon review of the Special Volunteer License application of **Susan Lonborg, Ph.D.**, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to deny the application as Dr. Lonborg is not working in a free clinic, is not providing clinical or free services, is being compensated for supervision and none of her letters of recommendation mention recommending her for HSP. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **John Mosier, Psy.D.**, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to delay the decision on Dr. Mosier's application. Dr. Mosier is to be sent a letter requesting more information on his postdoctoral supervised experience as Dr. Mosier was providing clinical services. The letter is to request if a license was required for that position. The motion carried.



Upon review of the application of **Connie Brisco, Ph.D.**, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to issue Dr. Brisco a temporary license and schedule her for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Bruce Cabot Young, Psy.D.**, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule Dr. Young for the written examination and issue a provisional license. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Jacquelyne Malone, Ph.D.**, Dr. Willette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to approve Dr. Malone to sit for the written examination. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Amanda Wilder**, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to delay the decision on Ms. Wilder's application as a certified psychological assistant to request more information on her practicum hours. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Megan Brandon**, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to approve Ms. Brandon as a Certified Psychological Assistant. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Lucy Sweeney, Ph.D.**, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to delay the decision on Dr. Sweeney's application for more information. Dr. Sweeney's application is incomplete due to her not having enough postdoctoral supervised experience hours. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Robin Oatis-Ballew, Ph.D.**, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to delay the application until information regarding Dr. Oatis-Ballew's EPPP scores is received. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Julie Culligan, Ph.D.**, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to approve Dr. Culligan to sit for the oral exam. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Heather Conklin, Ph.D.**, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to approve Dr. Conklin's application and schedule her for the orals examination. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Stacy Ann Gore, Ph.D.**, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to delay the approval of her application until letters of recommendation indicating Dr. Gores is being endorsed as HSP are received. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Kiesa Kelly, Ph.D.**, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to delay the approval of Dr. Kelly's application until letter from

applicant and supervisor is received regarding her fellowship at Vanderbilt. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Bruce Jasper, Ph.D.**, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to approve Dr. Jasper to sit for the written and Ethics and Jurisprudence examinations and issue a provisional license. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Christopher Dula, Ph.D.**, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to approve Dr. Dula to sit for the written and Ethics and Jurisprudence examination and to issue a provisional license. The motion carried.

### **Upgrades to Senior Psychological Examiner**

Upon review of the application of **Donna Ritenour** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to approve the upgrade. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Douglas Andreassen** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to approve the upgrade. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Melanie Powell** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to delay the decision on the upgrade until Ms. Powell resubmits the Continuing Education Report with course dates provided for each course, as well as documentation of attendance for each Type I and II course logged on the report. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Melissa Haber** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen to delay the upgrade until documentation of attendance is submitted. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Barbara Hardison** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to deny the upgrade due to lack of supervision and the Continuing Education Report not reflecting adequate hours. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Glynn Dilbeck** to upgrade from a psychological examiner to a senior psychological examiner, Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to approve the upgrade. The motion carried.

### **Election of Officers**

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to nominate Dr. Gilleylen as Chair. The motion carried.

Dr. West-Willette made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to nominate Dr. Kores as Vice-Chair. The motion carried.

### **Contested Case Hearing for Mark Smikle, Unlicensed Practice**

The Board was presented a case hearing by Mr. Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, regarding the case of Mark Smikle. Administrative Law Judge, Steve Darnell, presided over the case hearing.

Upon conclusion of testimony, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to accept the allegations of fact as findings of fact, as presented.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen that the evidence supported the conclusion of law. The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion seconded by Dr. Martin to assess sixty-eight (68) Type “A” civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each, for a total of sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000), plus court costs. Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to request Mr. Smikle to remove his sign and stop holding himself out as a psychologist. The motion carried.

Ms. Davenport stated the Board’s Policy Statement as the reason why the Board took the action, which is to provide protection and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee. The motion carried.

### **Contested Case Hearing for Jeffrey B. Davis, Psy.D.**

The Board was presented a case hearing by Mr. Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, regarding the case of Jeffrey B. Davis, Psy.D. Administrative Law Judge, Steve Darnell, presided over the case hearing.

Upon conclusion of testimony, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin to accept the allegations of fact as findings of fact, as presented and ordered the following: Dr. Davis’ license be suspended for a period of two (2) years during which time Dr. Davis must comply with the following requirements: a. Respondent must undergo a psychological assessment with a licensed Psychologist or Senior Psychological Examiner and comply with all recommendations of said assessment. b. Respondent must enter into a long-term therapeutic relationship with a Psychologist or Senior Psychological Examiner approved by the Board. c. Respondent shall complete nine (9) hours of Type I continuing education in the area of ethics. d. Respondent shall complete nine (9) hours of Type 1 continuing education in the area of Tennessee law and regulations. e. Respondent shall complete six (6) hours of Type 1 continuing education in the area of supervision. f. Respondent shall complete three (3) hours of Type 1 continuing education in the area of practice management. g. Respondent shall take and pass the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology Ethics and Jurisprudence examination.

Upon completion of the suspension period and requirements, the Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. During the probationary period, the Respondent shall maintain the supervision of a licensed psychologist and have the supervising psychologist submit quarterly reports documenting the Respondent complies with the statutes and regulations governing the practice of psychology in the State of Tennessee. In addition, the Respondent shall pay twelve (12), one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) Type "A" civil penalties for a total of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00). Ms. Davenport stated the Board's Policy Statement as the reason why the Board took the action, which is to provide protection and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee from Gross Malpractice. The motion carried

### **Contested Case Hearing for Deborah Adams, Unlicensed Practice**

The Board was presented a case hearing by Mr. Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, regarding the case of Deborah Adams. Administrative Law Judge, Steve Darnell, presided over the case hearing.

Mr. Bozarth stated that Respondent did receive a copy of the notice of charges and requested a continuance. Ms. Adams retained counsel, Lawrence Hart. Mr. Hart wrote a letter indicating that he had not had any contact with Ms. Adams and he would not be here to represent her and was granted permission to withdraw as Ms. Adams attorney.

The State motioned for a default.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to adjourn the hearing for Deborah Adams and to hear at the July 2006 board meeting. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. on April 21, 2006. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology on July 19, 2006.